

NUMBER 5.

A JOINT RESOLUTION ASKING CONGRESS TO PASS AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LANDS OF THE FORT RIPLEY RESERVATION TO BE ENTERED UNDER THE PRE-EMPTION AND HOMESTEAD LAWS.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :

THAT WHEREAS, Many persons have settled upon and opened farms on the Military Reservation of Fort Ripley, in this State, with the just expectation that they would be enabled to secure the title to said lands in the same manner as the titles are secured by settlers on other public lands of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The said military reservation is no longer used by the Government of the United States for military purposes, and

WHEREAS, The plan that is now being carried out of appraising and selling said lands in accordance therewith, will do (if consummated) great injustice to all who have settled upon said lands; therefore,

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That our Senators and Representatives in Congress be and they are hereby requested to secure if possible the passage of an act by Congress, authorizing the settlement of the lands of said reservation under the pre-emption and homestead laws, with full and complete protection for those who are at this time *bona fide* settlers thereon.

Approved March 1, 1878.

NUMBER 6.

A JOINT RESOLUTION REQUESTING OUR SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES TO SUPPORT A BILL GRANTING LANDS TO THE TERRITORY OF DAKOTA IN AID OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NARROW GAUGE RAILWAY FROM BISMARCK AND FORT LINCOLN TO THE BLACK HILLS.

Be it [resolved] enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

THAT WHEREAS, Experience has abundantly demonstrated that the development of the new States and Territories of the west and northwest has been largely due to successful railroad enterprise within their borders, and